



2024 ICF SUP World Championship

Sarasota, Florida USA
November 19-24, 2024



Welcome! Bienvenido!

On the following pages, we will walk you through all the necessary information that may guide you and your team on the way to Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, Florida USA.

Nathan Benderson Park looks forward to seeing you at the 2024 ICF SUP World Championship, 19-24 November 2024 in Sarasota, Florida USA.

See you in
November!



All ICF SUP competitions are open to paddlers of all levels. We encourage anyone with a passion for paddling to participate! We have an amazing program planned full of excitement and entertainment.

For more information on the competition, please visit www.nathanbendersonpark.org/event/2024-icf-sup-championship



Greeting from Beth Spilman, ACA Executive Director

Dear National Federations:

We look forward to welcoming you to Nathan Benderson Park in sunny Sarasota, Florida for the 2024 ICF Stand Up Paddling World Championship. This packet contains logistical information to assist in your teams' preparation and travel arrangements for Florida.

It is critically important that every federation understands and, if necessary, begins the process of obtaining visas immediately. Further details regarding Visa requirements are included in the packet. We also recommend that you book your accommodations early because November is a busy time in Florida.

We look forward to seeing you in November.



Greeting from Bruce Patneaude, Chief Operating Officer



On behalf of our team at Nathan Benderson Park, we are pleased to welcome you and athletes from all over the globe to the area. We are excited to host the 2024 ICF SUP World Championship, and look forward to seeing all the action on our world-class course.

Thank you for joining us for this epic competition. We know you will love all the Sarasota-Bradenton area has to offer and will have an incredible experience here.

We look forward to seeing you on the water in 2024!

Host Organizing Committee (HOC)



Chairman: Bruce Patneaude

Event Director: Sarah Hartz

Event Technology: Bruce Patneaude

**Official Hotels Liaison:
Aaron Maciejewski, Pellucid Travel**

**Master of Ceremonies:
Ron Cutsinger, Sarasota Co-Commissioner**

Head of Marketing/Media: Marnie Buchsbaum





General Information on Sarasota-Bradenton and surrounding areas in Florida, USA



The Sarasota-Bradenton area is south of Tampa on Florida's Gulf Coast that was once the winter home of the Ringling Brothers Circus. Today, it hosts a number of cultural institutes, as well as wildlife sanctuaries. It's also the gateway to miles of beaches with fine sand and shallow waters, such as Lido Beach and Siesta Key, Anna Maria Island, and hundreds of mangrove tunnels to paddle & explore. The Legacy Trail allows you to explore the area on bicycle and enjoy the sounds of nature in a tranquil environment.

In addition, Sarasota is located only one hour from Tampa, FL which has many zoos, museums and amusement parks, such as Busch Gardens.

Walt Disney World is only a short, 2 hour drive away from Sarasota.

Visitors can easily access Sarasota by flying into the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport or via the Tampa International Airport, one hour away.

Official World Championship Events

AGE GROUP	EVENT	GENDER
Open	Team event, Long Distance	Men & women Hard boards up to 14' long
Open	Team event, Technical	
Junior	Team event, Long Distance	
Junior	Team event, Technical	
Open	Sprint, Technical, Long Distance	
Junior	Sprint, Technical, Long Distance	
40+	Sprint, Technical, Long Distance	
50+	Sprint, Technical, Long Distance	
Open	Inflatable	

General Conditions of Participation

The competition is run in compliance with the 2024 SUP Rules.

Range of participants

- The competition is open to anyone who complies with the rules and regulations of the competition.
- An ICF (International Canoe Federation) membership is not a requirement to participate.
- Each competitor is individually responsible for their own participation and the administrative duties related to their entry.
- Registration and entries will be available on the official event page starting February 15, 2024.
- By registering and participating in the competition, the participants assure at the same time their ability to swim at least 200m without assistance and that they are comfortable paddling in open water.
- If a competitor is under the age of 18 or participating in the Kids race, parental consent is required for participation. Competitors in Kids Race must bring their own boards.

Age group definition

- The kids race is open to children ages 8-14. The first year an athlete can compete in an ICF international competition is the year of their 15th birthday.
- The last year an athlete can compete in the junior age group is the year of their 18th birthday.
- The masters' age groups are defined by each discipline with a minimum age of 40 or 50 years old. An athlete can compete in a masters (40+ and 50+) event in the year that they reach the lower limit of the age group.
- Registration and entries will be available on the official event page starting February 15, 2024.

Entry conditions

- One athlete can race only at one (1) age group at Long Distance, Sprint, and Technical race. Athletes who are eligible to race in the U18, 40+, and 50+ age groups can enter the open age group if they wish. A competitor who enters any open age group event/s (with the exception of the open inflatable event) cannot enter any of the U18, 40+, and 50+ age groups.
- Athletes who are eligible to race at 50+ can race at the 40+ age group for all events (except inflatable event)
- Anyone can participate in the open inflatable category, regardless of their age group, if they have reached the age of 15. Kids Race participants cannot compete in the open race.

Team events

- If you wish to enter National Teams Events for Long Distance and Technical races, please contact your national canoe federation to enter you through SDP (Sports Data Platform). You can email david.bugar@canoeicf.sport for NF contacts. All NFs will have to use SDP which we can give you access to.
- **Deadline to enter for team event is November 1, 2024.**

Each NF can enter teams to:

Long Distance: Open Men & Women, Junior Men & Women

Technical: Open Men & Women, Junior Men & Women

Teams can be up to four (4) athletes for the Long Distance and Technical races. The top three (3) athletes scores will count towards team results.

Sports Nationality

- The sport nationality of the athletes is determined by their nationality or country of their domicile.
- An athlete may only represent one nation during the calendar year. For full details, please visit the ICF SUP Competition Rule book.

Medical aptitude

- Each competitor is liable for their own health and fitness to be ready to compete in the races. Upon registering for the race, the participants give a declaration of their medical state as detailed in the ICF entry waiver on the registration form. The HOC does not take any responsibility for any harm to the health and the consequences thereof due to the participant's medical state during the races.
- All participants of the World Championships are strongly advised to take out medical insurance.

Course Details



Nathan Benderson Park is a world-renowned paddling and aquatics facility that has hosted multiple past international and national events where hundreds of thousands of athletes and fans have experienced unforgettable competition. Over \$40 million has been invested into the facility's development, including 2,000-meter racing lanes and straight shorelines, coaching lanes, a wave-attenuator system, starting gates and a state-of-the-art finish tower.

The 600-acre park is in Sarasota County, situated on the County line with Manatee County just to the north. The region is south of Tampa on Florida's Gulf Coast. The area is well-known as a vacation destination, famous for award winning beaches such as Siesta Beach. The Park itself is situated within a vibrant entertainment district called University Town Center, consisting of dozens of restaurants, hotels and an upscale shopping mall within walking distance from the race course.

www.NathanBendersonPark.org

Prize Money

Prize money will be divided between the Long Distance, Technical, and Sprint race only for the open age group. The prize money will be equally split between men and women 50 : 50.

Accreditation and Entries

Accreditation, entries, and payments can be made by website exclusively.

Registration will open by February 15, 2024

Each competitor represents themselves and is responsible for their own entries and participation. Only a person participating in the competition can register on the online site. Non-participating persons (ex. team leader, coach, staff, family) can be accredited and added to the site by the competitor. A maximum of 10 non-participating persons can be added per competitor.

Register before May 31, 2024! After that date, fees will increase by \$50 USD through September 30 and \$100 from Oct. 1 on.

The HOC offers discounts for multiple entries in Sprint, Technical, and Long Distance events.

1 event: \$100 USD

2 events: \$110 USD

3 events: \$120 USD

Non-participating persons: \$40 USD

Participation in the Kids Race: \$10 USD

Participation in the inflatable events: \$40 USD

Anyone who has registered for at least 1 ICF event will have a free entry to the inflatable event.

Board Rentals:

Rental options are available through our partners. Please check https://sports-camps.net/en/events_c3

The participation fee includes the following services:

Technical, Sprint, and Long Distance events:

- Prize Money for open categories
- Guarded board storage
- Drinking water on competition days
- Medal for winners
- Medical care at venue
- Internet access
- Security services at regatta course
- Right of common and operational costs of venue
- Organizational costs
- Race bibs
- Access to competition area
- Access to athletes' area
- Transportation: Daily shuttle services 11/19-11/24/24 to and from the designated hotels to the venue (see list of hotels on next page)

Inflatable Event:

- Guarded board storage
- Drinking water on competition days
- Medal for winners
- Medical care at venue
- Internet access
- Security services at regatta course
- Right of common and operational costs of venue
- Organizational costs
- Race bibs
- Access to competition area
- Access to athletes' area
- Transportation: Daily shuttle services 11/19-11/24/24 to and from the designated hotels to the venue (see list of hotels on next page)

Non-participant (accompanying person):

- Drinking water on competition day
- Medical care at the venue
- Internet access & security service at the regatta course
- Right of common, organizational and operational costs of the venue
- Access to athletes' area
- Transportation: Daily shuttle services 11/19-11/24/24 to and from the designated hotels to the venue (see list of hotels on next page)

Designated Hotels with Daily Shuttle Services to and from the venue

Homewood Suites By Hilton Sarasota Lakewood Ranch

305 North Cattlemen Road Sarasota, FL, 34243
0.8 miles from Nathan Benderson Park

Hampton Inn & Suites Sarasota/Lakewood Ranch

8565 Cooper Creek Blvd Bradenton, FL, 34201
1.7 miles from Nathan Benderson Park

EVEN Hotel Sarasota-Lakewood Ranch, an IHG Hotel

6231 Lake Osprey Dr Sarasota, FL, 34240
2.4 miles from Nathan Benderson Park

Fairfield Inn & Suites By Marriott Sarasota Lakewood Ranch

6105 Exchange Way Bradenton, FL, 34202
2.5 miles from Nathan Benderson Park

Hyatt Place Sarasota Lakewood Ranch

6021 Exchange Way Bradenton, FL, 34202
2.5 miles from Nathan Benderson Park

Comfort Inn & Suites Sarasota I-75

5931 Commercial Way Sarasota, FL, 34232
2.8 miles from Nathan Benderson Park

Ameniti Bay, Bw Signature Collection

5985 Brookhill Boulevard, 5985 Sarasota, FL, 34232
3.3 miles from Nathan Benderson Park

Magnolia Pointe, Bw Signature Collection

5965 Brookhill Blvd Sarasota, FL, 34232
3.3 miles from Nathan Benderson Park

Tru By Hilton Bradenton I-75, FI

5510 Manor Hill Lane Bradenton, FL, 34203
6.1 miles from Nathan Benderson Park

Hampton Inn Sarasota - I-75 Bee Ridge

5995 Catteridge Blvd Sarasota, FL, 34232
6.3 miles from Nathan Benderson Park

To book your hotel, please visit the event webpage at:
nathanbendersonpark.org/event/2024-icf-sup-championship/

Housing Service Provider:



Support Contacts:

During business hours contact:
Aaron@pellucidtravel.com

After business hours contact:
info@pellucidtravel.com

The following medical services are available for all official participants of the World Championship: doctor on duty, hospital, and clinic assistance

A medical center will operate at the venue with first aid. The costs above the regular first aid are to be covered by your medical insurance policy, the HOC is not responsible to cover your expenses in connection with hospital treatment, dental treatment or any other medical treatment.

Additional Services

Official T-shirt

T-shirts can be purchased by athletes and non participating persons on-site during the events.

Cost: \$25.00 USD

Registration Deadline: Nov. 1, 2024 (12:00pm EST)

The HOC accepts on-site entry in exceptional cases exclusively in the event if the inclusion of the new entry does not result in the amendment of the competition program. On-site registration and entry are possible upon paying the extra administration fee on top of the regular entry fee on 19-24 November.

Extra fee: \$100 USD

2024 ICF SUP World Championships Hospitality Services

The HOC has selected a variety of hotels, based on quality and distance, through our partnership with Pellucid Travel.

To make your hotel reservations, please use the following booking link: <https://groups.reservetravel.com/group.aspx?id=74635>

or visit: <https://nathanbendersonpark.org/event/2024-icf-sup-championship/>

Food at the venue

There will be food vendors at the venue with a variety of options. The cost of food is not included in your registration.

Ceremonies

The opening ceremony will be held at Nathan Benderson Park on November 21, 2024 and will be co-hosted by the park and Visit Sarasota.

The Closing Ceremony on the last day will take place at Nathan Benderson Park and features a food truck street fair and DJ party.

VISA

All participants are kindly requested to contact the American Canoe Association (ACA) or consulate in their respective countries (or the closest to you) in time regarding visa requirements. The Visa process to travel to the United States is critical to your team's participation in this event. If a visa is required, we recommend applying as early as possible. The United States Department of State recommends applying at least 90-120 days in advance of travel.

You can access the United States Olympic and Paralympic Visa Handbook (in English, French and Spanish) which provides an overview of the visa process. Please [CLICK HERE](#)

Please use this electronic form to request a visa letter from the American Canoe Association. You will need to provide each participant's name, passport number and other required information. To access the form, please [CLICK HERE](#)

The typical steps for obtaining a visa are

1. Successful registration via the official registration link and sending the confirmation of your registration. The HOC cannot take responsibility for rejection of visa issuance.
2. Submitting your completed visa application
3. Contacting the consulate serving your country to submit all requested paperwork
4. The HOC issues the letter of invitation
5. Visa Issuance

Please note that the HOC will not send you an invitation letter without knowing your valid passport number and arrival/departure dates.

**We look forward to seeing you
in November 2024!**